

## Senate Resolution 122

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jimmie Jakes, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Reverend Jimmie Jakes, Sr., on January 25, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes was born on May 5, 1943, in Phenix City, Alabama, a beloved  
5 son of the late James Clark Jakes and Jessie Bell Bellamy Jakes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the  
7 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
8 of the citizens of the United States as a Vietnam veteran; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of great faith and devotion, Reverend Jakes was an active member of  
10 Gaines Chapel and then Nichols Chapel AME Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes was united in love and marriage to Oshawzale L. "Cindy" Jakes  
12 for 26 years, and the two were blessed with five loving and devoted children, Jimmie, Jr.,  
13 Kimberly, Denise, Kameelah, and Jessica; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a great source of pride and joy, Reverend Jakes also had eight grandchildren:  
15 Jamario, Kalan, Keila, Jeydan, Sheldon, Sasha, Malachi, and Messiah; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater  
17 than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is abundantly fitting  
18 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished  
19 American be recognized appropriately.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body hereby joins  
21 in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jimmie Jakes, Sr. and expressing its

22 appreciation of his devotion and dedication to his family, his many contributions to his  
23 community and the State of Georgia, and his selfless sacrifice as a guardian of this nation's  
24 liberty.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Jakes.